

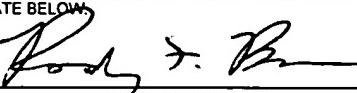
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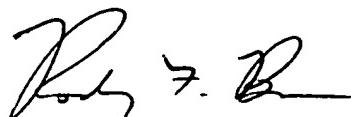
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It is requested that the listed references be made of record, if appropriate, in the prosecution of this application. Copies of all references listed on page 3 of Form PTO-1449 are enclosed. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), however, no copies of the references listed on pages 1 and 2 of Form PTO-1449 are provided as they were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/420,344 to Jeffrey T. Mason et al. filed on April 22, 2003, which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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_____	4,201,203	5/6/80	Applegate	128	80
_____	4,296,744	10/27/81	Palumbo	128	80
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_____	4,506,661	3/26/85	Foster	128	80
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